



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 20-4

January 27, 2021

**Pole Attachment Complaint of Town of Shutesbury v. Verizon New England, Inc.,
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Western Massachusetts Electric
Company, a/k/a Eversource**

NOTICE

On December 1, 2020, the Town of Shutesbury and the Shutesbury Lighting Plant ("Shutesbury") filed a pole attachment complaint pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 45.04 ("Complaint") with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") against Verizon New England, Inc., the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, a/k/a Eversource (collectively, "Pole Owners"). The Complaint alleges that a requirement for Shutesbury to post a surety bond, contained in the Pole Owners' pole attachment agreements, is not just and reasonable and, therefore, violates 220 C.M.R. 45.00.

This proceeding is docketed as D.T.C. 20-4, and the Department will investigate the Complaint as a formal adjudicatory proceeding conducted under G.L. c. 30A, 220 C.M.R. 45.00, and 207 C.M.R. 1.00.

Any party wishing to intervene in this proceeding may do so by filing a petition for leave to intervene with the Department by February 22, 2021. Said petition should be directed to Shonda D. Green, Secretary of the Department, at the following address or electronically at dtc.efiling@mass.gov:

Shonda D. Green, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Petitions for leave to intervene must satisfy the substantive requirements of 207 C.M.R. § 1.03. The text of the petition must specify: (1) the docket number; (2) the name of the person submitting the filing; (3) that person's title, if any; and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., petition to intervene). The petition should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Any questions should be submitted to Shonda D. Green at shonda.green@mass.gov or (617) 305-3580.